ERNAKULAM, ROADS, ETC.—ARTICLE IN THE "SAHODARAN"

81. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state whether they have not seen the following articles in the "സഹോദരൻ" dated 26th June 1943 on page 3;

(1) എറണാകുളം റോഡുകൾ;

(2) ഗൈസ് ഹൈസ്കൂൾ കെട്ടിടം ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

BOATS, CAPSIZING OF

82. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Ernakulam-Latin-Christians):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of boats that capsized in the vicinity of the Willingdon Island during the storm on the morning of Saturday, June 19th;

(*b*) the approximate number of men and women in such boats and whether they were labourers going to the Willingdon Island for work;

(*c*) the number of persons drowned;

(*d*) the number of persons picked up from the water;

(*e*) whether Government agencies like the Canal authorities, etc., were about to render any immediate help on the occasion;

(*f*) whether Government have ascertained by proper enquiry the number of men and women missing on account of this accident ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Five.

(*b*) No information about the number. They were labourers.

(*c*) About 9.

(*d*) About 30.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The Canal Superintendent, Mattancheri, conducted an enquiry in the matter immediately.

STORING OF WATER IN KOLE LANDS—COMPENSATION FOR

83. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether, north of Mullurkayal road in the Tholur Village, Trichur Taluk, water has been stored in kole lands;

(*b*) any compensation granted as yet ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Some of the deep kole lands in the Tholur, Edakolathur, Anjur, Peramangalam and Chittilappilli Villages were utilised for the purpose of storing water for the benefit of a large area of kole lands.

(*b*) Compensation will be paid to the owners of the lands so temporarily occupied.

At 12-30 the Hon'ble President left Chair and the Deputy President presided.

CUT MOTION No. 36

Ad hoc Committee to go into the question of private irrigation systems in Chittur Taluk

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 26,260 for establishment by Rs. 2.*

The object of the cut motion is *to discuss the desirability of setting up an ad hoc committee to go into the question of acquiring the private irrigation systems in the Chittur Taluk and to frame proposals for the acceptance of the Government.* The various irrigation systems of the Chittur Taluk have been benefiting a good number of people, but the ryots who have been the beneficiaries under the existing system have been subject to the vagaries of the owners thereof. If the Government acquires the rights of these owners, a large number of ryots will be benefited, Sir. For one thing, they will be free from the vagaries of these owners. In the case of several of these systems, there is scope for much improvement, so much so, the usefulness of several of these can be enlarged and that will certainly be in line with the food production drive that the Government is committed to now. But as there are various systems and each system has got its own particular, peculiar, problems, I think the Government will do well to set up a committee,

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